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SUMMARY: DIARIO DE NOTICIAS (DN) JOURNALISTS ISSUED COMMUNIQUE TO PEOPLE AUG. 23 ACCUSING PCP EXPERTS IN ORGANIZING LABOR PROBLEMS OF TAKING CONTROL OF DN'S EDITORIAL STAFF. DN'S TYPESETTERS VOTED TO ESTABLISH INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TO PURGE PAPER OF PROTEST LEADERS. MRPP ANNOUNCED PLAN TO CONVERT THEIR WEEKLY NEWSPAPER INTO DAILY. END SUMMARY.

1. DJN JOURANSLISTS PROTEST (REFTEL):

DJNS 30 PROTESTING JOURNALISTS SENT A COMMUNIQUE DIRECTED TO PORTUGUESE PEOPLE AUG. 23 IN WHICH THEY ACCUSED DN EDITOR LUIS DE BARROS OF INCOMPETENCE; ASSISTANT EDITOR JOSE SARAMAGO OF BEING A FANATIC AND MILITANT MEMBER OF PCP, WHO IS TRYING TO MAKE DN ANOTHER PC ORGAN; AND ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT CO. MARCELINO MARQUES OF COMPLICITY IN THE PLAN. COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT DN'S EDITORIAL STAFF INCLUDES MANY PCP MEMBERS EXPERIENCED IN ORGANIZING STRIKES AND LABOR PROBLEMS, WHO

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TOOK CONTROL OF NEWSPAPER. TYPESETTERS AT NATIONALIZED EMPRESA

NACIONAL DE PUBLICIDADE, WHICH OWNS DN, VOTED TO SET UP AN INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK TO TRY THE 30 PROTESTING JOURNALISTS AND DISMISS THOSE RESPONSIBLE.

2. MRPP NEWSPAPER:

MRPP ANNOUNCED THAT ITS WEEKLY PARTY PAPER "LUTA POPULAR " (LP) WOULD BE PUBLISHED DAILY BEGINNING AUG. 26. PLANS ARE TO PUBLISH IT AS AN 8-PAGE AFTERNOONER AT COST OF 16 CENTS EACH WITH DISTRIBUTION OF 70,000. PAPER'S EDITOR JOSE LUIS SALDANHA SANCHES WILL REMAIN. MRPP DEFINED LP AS COMMUNIST DAILY RECEIVING NEWS MATERIALS FROM CHINA.
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